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CONDUCTANCE OF LAUNDRY, DRYERS AND
METHOD FOR PREVENTING DEPOSITS ON
ELECTRODES

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DE 29 01 974 discloses humidity control for a drum dryer, having an electrode interval measuring the conductivity of the washing, having a switch device, controlled by the measurement of the electrode interval, for a heating system and a motor and having a bridge circuit, in which the electrode interval is arranged in one branch and a device supplying a conductivity value, corresponding to a degree of drying which can be pre-selected manually, is arranged in the other branch, which device, on reaching the specified conductivity value, interrupts by means of time elements the electricity supply to the heating and subsequently to the motor and the other items of equipment, characterized in that a comparator (7) is provided, which comparator receives the output signals of the bridge circuit (1-4) and on whose outlet at least one numerical module (9) is present, which numeric module (9), after reaching the specified conductivity value, determines a continuing heating time until the heating (16) is switched off and subsequent to this, a cooling time until the motor (23) and the other equipment items are switched off, and in that in addition to the conductivity value specification, the subsequent heating time or cooling time of the numerical module or modules can be varied.

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Respectfully submitted

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